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For Immediate Release:

GRIEF, SCHOOL COUNSELING ARE TOPICS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Two sessions, one on understanding grief and another on school counseling programs, will be offered at the 26th annual Counseling and Student Development Spring Conference at Eastern Illinois University on Friday, Feb. 25.

Registration, including payment of the \$55 conference fee that includes lunch and materials, must be completed by Tuesday, Feb. 22. The registration form is available online at [www.eiu.edu/~eiucsd/csd/conf\\_annualspring05.pdf](http://www.eiu.edu/~eiucsd/csd/conf_annualspring05.pdf). Call Debbie Gerdes of the EIU Department of Counseling and Student Development at 581-2400 for more information.

Participants may choose one of two sessions, "The Many Facets of Grief" and "No School Counselor Left Behind." Those attending the session on grief will earn six continuing education units, and those attending the school counselor session will earn five CEU's.

The conference is sponsored by the EIU Department of Counseling and Student Development and the Regional Office of Education.

- David Capuzzi, Ph.D, LPC, will speak on "The Many Facets of Grief" in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the EIU University Union from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants will become familiar with the bereavement process, feelings associated with loss, normal grief reactions, a comparison of normal and pathological mourning, blocks to successful grieving, signs of recovery, aspects of palliative care, loss support groups and more. Emphasis will be divided between providing information needed to understand the bereavement process and the skills needed to assist clients. The workshop provides a presentation, videos, small-group activities and discussion.

Capuzzi, a past president of the American Counseling Association, is a counselor educator at Johns Hopkins University and professor emeritus of counselor education at Portland (Ore.) State University. He has authored several journal articles and books, including "Suicide Across the Life Span: Implications for Counselors" (2004) for the American Counseling Association. A frequent speaker for professional conferences and institutes, Capuzzi also has consulted with school districts and community agencies

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interested in initiating prevention and intervention strategies for youth and adolescents at risk for suicide.

- Carol A. Dahir, Ed.D., will present "No School Counselor Left Behind" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the 1895 Room in the University Union.

The workshop is to help K-12 school counselors, supervisors, graduate students and counselor educators become familiar with No Child Left Behind legislation; align their work with the American School Counselor Association National Standards and the ASCA Model; identify, collect, analyze and improve school-based data elements; align a school counseling program with the school improvement agenda; design an accountability action plan; and develop simple report cards to publicize the success of their efforts.

Participants should bring copies of the school report cards for their buildings and/or districts. Each participant will receive a complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation and worksheets for program design and implementation.

Dahir is an assistant professor and coordinator of counselor education programs at the New York Institute of Technology, where she was hired to develop a new master's degree in school counseling. She recently served as the National Standards as project director for the ASCA and as the project manager for Planning for Life. She currently serves as a consultant for school counseling programs for several states' departments of education. She co-authored the ASCA National Standards and has published two books and several journal articles on that topic.